

**Present:**

**Members of the FMJD council:**

**Janek Mäggi** President, **Harry Otten** Director international Relations, **Jacek Pawlicki** Tournament Director (2017 – January 2021) also representing Cyprus, candidate president FMJD, **Aare Harak** Treasurer, **Yuriy Chertok** General Secretary, **Carlo Bordini** President European Confederation (EDC), Vice president Checkers federation representing the FMJD checkers section and also representing Italy, **Clifton Agata** president Pan-American confederation, **Oumar Thiero** representing African Confederation (CAJD), Mali and Guinea Bissau (mandate), **Alexey Shonin** representing Section 64 Russian/Brazilian, Russian Federation and Turkey (mandate).

Election candidates

**Mr. Janek Mäggi** from Estonia, **Mr. Jacek Pawlicki** from Poland, **Mr. Anatoliy Yacenko** from Ukraine – candidates President;

**Mr. Richard Przewozniak** from France, **Mr. Yuriy Chertok** from Russian Federation – candidates Vice President;

**Aare Harak** – candidate FMJD Treasurer;

**Mr. Roberts Misans** from Latvia and **Yuriy Chertok** – candidates for General Secretary;

**Mr. Clifton Agata** from Curacao – candidate Tournament director;

**Mr. Aleksej Domchev** from Lithuania, **Mr. Ibragim Ismaulov** from Turkey, **Mr. Youry Lipnitsky** from Belarus - candidates Tournament Director Youth;

**Mr. Richard Przewozniak** (if Mr. Otten resigns and Mr. Pawlicki is the President), **Mr. Harry Otten** from the Netherlands, **Mr. Mikhail Zakharchenko** from Ukraine – candidates Director International Relations (International relations manager).

**Members of committees and sections:**

**Adama Gueye** member of the Medical Committee and representing Senegal (mandate of Cameroun); **Jan Ziolkowski** Chairman of the Financial Committee; **Renato Capurro** Chairman of Medical Committee; **Kristi Promet** Chairman of Technical Committee.

**Representatives of federations:**

**Mr. Khainjuk Kiryl** for Belarus, **Mr. Adama Gueye** for Senegal (mandate for Cameroon), **Mr. Bolou Tui** for Cote d'Ivoire (mandate for Kazakhstan), **Mr. Clifton Agata** for Curacao, **Ms. Duskova Petra** for Czech Republic (mandate for Trinidad and Tobago), **Mr. Tarmo Tulva** for Estonia (mandate Belgium), **Mr. Jan Ziolkowski** for Germany (mandate for Switzerland), **Mr. Richard Przewozniak** for Guadeloupe, **Mr. Vladislavs Vesperis** for Latvia (mandate for Romania), **Ms. Romualda Shidlauskiene** for Lithuania, **Ms. Nyamjargal Munkhbaata** for Mongolia, **Mr. Bayar Gombosuren** representing Japan; **Mr. Shonin Alexey** for Russian Federation (mandate for Turkey); **Mr. Damian Rezka** for Poland (mandate for Hungary); **Mr. Ouedraogo Abdoulaye** for Burkina Faso (mandate for Democratic Republic of Congo); **Mr. Gerrit Tigchelaar** for the Netherlands with a mandate from Surinam, **Mr. Jacek Pawlicki** representing Cyprus, **Mr. Anatoli Yatsenko** for Ukraine, **Ms. Lyublyana Turiy** for USA; **Mr. Adama Gueye** for Senegal (mandate for Cameroon); **Mr. Carlo Bordini** for Italia (mandate for Slovenia); **Mr. Henri Macaux** for France; **Mr. Saint Juste Makendy** for Haiti.

**1. Accreditation and voting rights**

The President Maggi presents the new provisional members – Basque Country and new federation from India, and informs that this question will be considered in the second part of the GA.

The federations present or represented are:

Belarus, Cameroon, Haiti, Cote d'Ivoire, France, Curacao, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Japan, Estonia, Germany, Switzerland, Burkina Faso, Congo DR, Mali, Guinea Bissau, Guadeloupe, Hungary, Surinam, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Mongolia, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russia, Senegal, Turkey, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, USA.

A total of 23 federations are present and 12 more have given a mandate. 35 of these 35 federations have fulfilled their financial obligations so 35 have voting right.

## 2. Opening and Welcome

At 10.00 the FMJD president opens the meeting with a short speech.

## 3. Asking for additional items on the agenda or changing the order of the agenda.

The President Mr. Maggi informs the participants about 3 additional points to be included into the agenda and to be considered at the end of the meeting if the GA decide in favour.

Kristi Promet and Lublyana Turiy provide brief information about their proposals (full documents are below - point 13).

### Q1. Three additional questions to the agenda at the end of GA

Yes	29	82,86%
No	6	17,14%
	35	100%

The two proposals of the Technical Committee and proposals of the USA federation will be considered in the second part of the meeting.

## 4. Asking for approval minutes General Assembly 2019 Izmir, Turkey

### Q2. Approve the minutes of the General Assembly 2019 Izmir, Turkey

For	26	74,29%
Against	0	0,00%
Abstain	9	25,71%
	35	100%

## 5. Reports on finances

- a. The report of the treasurer Aare Harak, budget review for 2019-2021 and budget for 2022-2023 were accepted with general agreement.

**Remark of Mr. Oumar Thiero** about the financial assistance provided to the group of African Players during the Covid-19 pandemic. He expressed his concern about the fact that the financial assistance was provided without informing their federations and African confederation, directly to the 4 players from Africa.

**Answer: Mr. Harak** answered that for that purpose the FMJD had spent mostly personal money. Harry Otten paid 3,000 Euro. Solidarity fund which has its own board paid 1,000 Euro. The FMJD just transferred the money to the players.

**Remark from Mr. Saint Juste Makendy:** "This is a question not about money but about respect". This question should have been dealt with the participation of the national federations of players and African Confederation. Because the federation has the right even to suspend a player for that because that is the law.

**Janek Maggi answers:** We appreciate African players very much. Mr. Otten made great efforts to help African players. FMJD does not have a lot of money that is why we need to find sponsors and supporters. And it is very nice that we have such persons like Harry who can really help.

**Remark of Clifton Agata:** "In our federation no one can receive any cash, no players, no members can receive money because it is in our statutes. If someone wants to give money to any of the players, he has to go to the federation. It has to be in a structure because anyone can go and request money. If someone

wants to give away his own money – we respect that however it has to be done in a structured and controlled manner’.

**Answer of Janek Maggi:** It was a targeted donation which according to the European laws can take place”.

- c. Report financial committee Jan Zioltkowski:  
“We went through the documents, and they were OK”.

- d. Discharge of the treasurer:

<b>Q3. Discharge of the treasurer</b>		
<b>For</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>67,65%</b>
Against	8	23,53%
Abstain	3	8,82%
	34	100%

- e. Appointment by the General Assembly of the independent auditor, according to article 18.6 of the Statutes. The FMJD council advises to appoint the bureau Astrea from the Netherlands who have done the audits over last years.

<b>Q4. Appoint the bureau Astrea from the Netherlands as an auditor</b>		
<b>For</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>88,57%</b>
Against	0	0,00%
Abstain	4	11,43%
	35	100%

#### **6-9. Presentation of the new composition of Technical Committee, Medical Committee, Section FMJD Online, Turkish Draughts Section.**

**Remark from Mr.Oumar Thiero** who asked about a vacant place “for Africa” in the Technical Committee composition. Ms. Promet explained the situation.

#### **10. Reports on activities, planning for coming period**

##### **a. President’s report**

**1. Question from Roberts Misans:** in the report of FMJD President there is information only about 100 square draughts and no information about draughts-64.

**Answer:** Because we have a separate report on draughts-64 which was distributed as well.

**2. Question from Roberts Misans:** in the report you missed our important title match in Riga which returned us to the list of organizing countries. What was the reason?

**Answer:** I appreciate Latvia a lot and I know you support us with electronic boards, and you organized a very good tournament! Thank you for your support!

**Question from Mr.Ouedraogo Abdoulayehad** about not mentioning events organized by Burkina Faso Federation.

**Answer:** We appreciate every organization which has ability to organize events and not only title championships but different kinds of events. I personally thank you and Burkina Faso for your efforts. I have not mentioned many other important events due to the lack of time for the long report. But I promise to visit Burkina Faso in the future if I continue as FMJD President.

##### **b. Harry Otten’s report**

**Question from Jacek Pawlicki:** why do you mention me personally in your report?

Answer: because you are an important person, you were the Tournament director and organizer of the match, and you were the person who removed the Russian flag on the demand of WADA.

**Jacek Pawlicki** – When I received your message with the request to make adjustments, I answered to you that Polish Draughts Federation will probably need an official letter.

**Harry Otten** – in normal practice email exchange is seen as official. I do not know what we are talking about maybe about making more letters finding more bureaucracy?

**Janek Maggi** – I have an official letter from WADA stating that all federations and organizers have duty to know all WADA international rules without any participation of anybody else. Thus, it was the duty of Polish Draughts Federation to know the rules. FMJD could not change anything.

**Jacek Pawlicki:** It is not the point! Please split these two points. If you want to talk about Polish Draughts Federation duties, please talk to the Polish Draughts Federation but not to Jacek Pawlicki.

**Janek Maggi** – I am not blaming anybody I just want to say that some people were angry, and it is understandable. We solved the problem with personal letters to some important persons and I hope the question is done. But for the people who want to organize important events in the future it is important to understand that we have to obey all the rules and organizers should know them beforehand.

### c. General Secretary report

There were no remarks about the report.

### d. Report of Tournament Director

**Question from Mr.Saint Juste Makendy:** What to do with the federation which for many years remains passive, the annual fees are not paid, they do not come to GA etc. But the federation remains a member of FMJD? Why was this question never put on the table? What should the players of this federation do to make a step forward? If the President does not do his job, why this is not discussed after 2-3 years?

**Answer:** We need to look into details with every particular federation maybe with the help of lawyers. Please look at the person whom I proposed to be the Tournament Director – Clifton Agata, he is much closer to you. We have daily contacts. Having Mr. Agata in the position of TD would be good from strategic point of view in this aspect.

**Another question from Mr.Saint Juste Makendy:** match fixing in draughts.

**Answer:** match fixing is unacceptable, and all 3 candidates have the same opinion about that. Fair play is a background of all of us. Without it we are just a fake product.

**Remark from Aleksey Shonin:** there are questions to Mr. Pawlicki as TD on the Women's Match in Moscow that I would like to ask. Firstly, with which organization did you signed the agreement about this event? Russian Draughts Federation was not performing as the organizer. It was an individual person who was the organizer, and the FMJD Executive Council was contacting him. It should be notified that Polish delegation went to Russia at its own risk and without any contract. It is not the fault of the Russian Draughts Federation. The situation was caused by the interaction of the FMJD and an individual person who let everyone down.

### Lunch break 13:15 – 14:00

Mr. President gives word to Henri Macaux who invites the participants of GA to give a minute of silence to honour the memory of FMJD former Vice President **Mr. Sarif Sen** from Senegal and other people who died of Covid-19.

### e-i. No remarks

### Confederations' reports:

#### 1. CAJD report was presented by Oumar Thiero

Comments of Janek on the report: all the information or decisions are distributed among all members in the same way and also published at FMJD website. Concerning the tournaments – 2 years ago we gave opportunity to Ivory Coast to organise the World Championship. It is also not fair to state that there is no

connection between Africa and FMJD Board because I remember well our collaboration when you were medical committee leader etc. Speaking about the Board: we have only 6 active persons working as volunteers and one of them left in January. I absolutely disagree that we did not pay special attention to Africa.

## 2. Report of Asian Draughts Confederation

### 3. Report of European Draughts Confederation

*Question of Roberts Misans:* (the first part of the question) - What to your point of view was the biggest challenge for the EDC Board during these last two years?

Second part of the question: What is your biggest challenge for the following years? What changes you think should be made when the pandemic is over, and everything comes back to normal?

*Answer:* the biggest result was made is something that cannot be touched but you can see that everything is clear, was put in order, and everything was published. For the first time in the history Italian Draughts Federation has a member inside the Olympic Committee. The main points were transparency and EDC structure building, the first part of these two years was also devoted to the new Statutes making.

### 4 Report of Clifton Agata

*Remark* of Henri Macaux about Mr. Agata not reporting about confederation's activity for the 2 last years but giving the promotion of himself.

*Comment:* The report on activity was in the first part of the speech.

j. Technical Committee report

k. Medical Committee report

l. Ethical Committee report

m. Players Committee report

**No comments**

## 11. Latvia Draughts Federation request on the decision of the FMJD Executive Council on the Men's World Title match in 2021

*Comment of Harry Otten:* Mr. Otten explained the situation about the match and informed that when Georgiev refused to play FMJD started negotiations with player №2 from the WC Pan Yiming from China. Being a 17 years old young man, the Chinese player needed permission of his father to go to the Netherlands if it would have been possible at all due to the strict restrictions, and his father did not want him to go because Pan was in the middle of his studies and when he would have gone to the match it would have taken him some time for the match itself and also at least 3 weeks for being in quarantine after. When it became clear that Pan could not go to the Netherlands the Chinese Draughts Association proposed to have this match online and even was ready to cover half of the agreed prize money of the match. But the FMJD rejected this proposal due to the reason of that the match of this level should be played in person. After that FMJD started to examine the option of having the match with Mr. Valneris but there were too many objections which also stated that this way we can go to №20. And sponsors of the match would have rejected to participate in the case of match between Boomstra and Valneris. That is why we asked for this very special solution.

*Comment of Jacek Pawlicki:* I can confirm that we had interrogation with China.

*Comment of Roberts Misans:* I cannot agree with the comparison of №3 and №20. Player №3 is in the Top of best players in the world. I think if the issue was connected with sponsors, I believe some discussion with Latvian Draughts Federation could have taken place. Because unofficially we confirmed that Latvia was ready to organize this match also. So, I believe there could be at least discussions with Latvia but not just comments like "top 3 doesn't worth to discuss".

**Comment of KNDB representative Mr.Gerrit Tigchelaar:** I agree with Harry, and I also wanted to add that Roel first had to prepare to play against Alexander and he took it serious after that against Pan and it would be very difficult for him if the opponent would change once again.

**Remark of Henri Macaux:** we have started the new competition to get a new world champion and it is clear that if the match was not played until now then it is too late.

**Harry Otten's answer:** I do not agree with that. Sometimes very special situations call for very special solutions. And we still can say that if the match is being played then Georgiev has the world title etc. He will have this title from the moment when the match should have been played originally until the WC now.

Mr. Vesperis asks to vote on this issue and formulates the question for voting.

**Comment of Mr.Gerrit Tigchelaar:** I do not think that it is right to vote about it because in KNDB we already have the approval of FMJD to organize the match. We cannot reject that approval we can only say about whether this decision of the Council was right or not.

Mr. Vesperis proposes to set the question in the following form and start voting.

**Question from Ms.Duskova Petra:** If we vote against the match will it mean that Georgiev remains the World champion for that period?

The participants of the GA started long discussions about this issue after which they decided to vote.

<b>Q5. Should the World Title Match 2020 be played between Boomstra and Georgiev in fall of 2021</b>		
For	16	45,71%
<b>Against</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>54,29%</b>
Abstain	0	0,00%
	35	100%

**So, the General Assembly decided against organizing the World Title Match between Roel Boomstra and Alexander Georgiev in the fall of 2021.**

## 12. Proposals for changing the statutes (None)

## 13. Voting on the urgent points (point 3 of the agenda)

Namely:

### **Additional proposals of Technical Committee to GA2021**

1. Implementing GA2019 decisions of time control In GA2019, Chinese Draughts Association proposed to change time control of FMJD official tournaments to make rounds more practical for organizers and players and also this time control to be counted towards full rating. Proposal was to change time control from 80' + 1' move to 80' + 30'' move. The proposal was accepted by GA2019. The change was not implemented fully in annexes regarding World Championships (Annex 12, Annex 13, and Annex 17). Proposal is to confirm this decision and implement it for all official FMJD championships.

2. World Championship 2023. According to Annex 17 this is the time for 20 participants. Appendix A says about formula for 20 players. Proposal – to keep the current text, just change the years in the text accordingly.

3. Women's World Championship 2023. Keep current text of Annex 12 - Appendix A, just change years in the text accordingly.

4. Confirming titles currently, titles for players and referees are confirmed at the General Assembly every two years. Technical Committee proposes to have the titles confirmed in the future by Executive Council decision, which currently precedes the GA confirmation, as sufficient. The FMJD only has titles

like GMI or MFF, but no titles for the situation that almost has a title but not exactly, like suspended-GMI or unconfirmed-MFF. To have the title confirmed by EC would clearly indicate if a player or a referee has or does not have a title at a given time and removes possibility of „unknown“ titles.

**Q6. Do you agree with technical committee proposals made in the beginning of GA?**

For	27	77,14%
Against	7	20,00%
Abstain	1	2,86%
	35	100%

Proposals accepted.

**Propositions from the USA Federations to the General Assembly:**

1. Create a separate Section within FMJD for organizing and managing development and competitions among non-professional players. The goal of this section is to eliminate the existing inequalities between professional and non-professional sportsmen. Due to life circumstances, many talented players had to choose to stop the professional careers in order to support themselves and their families. But that did not stop their love for the game, and they need to be encouraged to come back to participation as much as they can. It is only in the mass of non-professional sport lovers and activists, the great athletes are born.

The details of the section organization are TBD (To Be Determined). The first task of the organizing group will be to establish the rules and principles of this section.

**Q7. Separate section for non-professional alternative events**

For	12	34,29%
Against	21	60,00%
Abstain	2	5,71%
	35	100%

Main points are:

a. The section events are only open to the draughts players whose primary job occupations/functions are not connected with draughts (no sport stipends, coaching, etc.). The players can be registered after their non-affiliation with any professional draughts activities is verified.

b. The section will be providing its alternative system of events including world championships for its selected group of non-professional players.

c. The events calendar shall be made such that to the maximum accommodate people with full-time occupations outside of draughts sport (at the local level - games at evenings, weekends, etc., international events held at the most common vacation times, etc.)

d. Since the players can rely on other sources of income, the financing (prepaid packages, prize funds, etc.) are expected to be at the lower level than at the regular official FMJD events.

e. One possible consideration is to include the veteran's championships in this category.

2. Revise the membership fee structure.

The previous structure has existed that determined the fees from federations on the scale depending on the size of the organization (number of registered players). The organizations with the minimal number of players (e.g., 10) and no outside support should pay fewer fees or the fees shall be waived.

**Q8. Restore the fee structure: smaller federations pay smaller fee**

For	9	28,13%
Against	21	65,63%

Abstain	2	6,25%
	32	100%

*3. Eliminate the practice of issuing electronic certificates for players and arbiters fulfilling the new titles. Getting the title of the master, grandmaster, international referee, etc. requires a lot of effort and sacrifices to achieve. A person who made such achievement requires some public recognition and ceremony. Email message is simply insulting. Especially since the fees are being collected for these titles that would cover the negligent costs of supplies and printing.*

#### Q9. Possibility of electronic voting

For	24	72,73%
Against	9	27,27%
Abstain	0	0,00%
	33	100%

#### Q10. Paper Certificates for players and arbiters

For	30	85,71%
Against	3	8,57%
Abstain	2	5,71%
	35	100%

**14. Proposal from Ukrainian Draughts Federation on IDF issue** (initially was in the letter of Ukrainian Draughts Federation on 23.05.2021 but was not included due to technical mistake).

Mr. Yacenko performs his report and proposes to create special committee on the issue of IDF and after confirmation of the information from the committee to suspend the participation of FMJD member-federations in the IDF events until the IDF fulfills the awards of CAS (Court of Arbitration for Sport) in solidarity with the illegally suspended draughts Federation of Ukraine.

#### Q11. Creation of the committee for investigation of IDF illegal actions of disqualification Draughts Federation of Ukraine and ignoring the decision of the court

For	24	68,57%
Against	9	25,71%
Abstain	2	5,71%
	35	100%

**Proposal accepted.**

**15. (17, b in Agenda) Proposal from the Council on the Ivory Coast issue** (according to the letter of the FMJD from 24.06.2021). On request of Ivory Coast federation this question was considered before the Executive Board's elections.

#### Q12. Does GA approve FMJD board decision for Ivory Coast?

For	27	79,41%
Against	4	11,76%
Abstain	3	8,82%
	34	100%

Proposal from Janek Maggi to Mr. Vesperis and Mr.Otten to lead the meeting after the Council members discharged. And there are several points left to be discussed by the next Executive Board.

## 16. Discharge of the Council members

Q14. Discharge of the Executive Board members		
For	32	96,97%
Against	1	3,03%
Abstain	0	0,00%
	33	100%

### 15 minutes break after which Harry Otten and Vladislavs Vesperis continue the meeting.

Mr.Vesperis proposed to give each candidate 5 minutes to represent themselves and also give some time for questions to the candidates.

*Comment from Jan Ziolkowski:* It would be nice to see on the screen which countries we do have here.

- The list of countries present and presented was shown on the screen.

*Comment from Oumar Thiero:* Can we make a call to each federation to make sure that everyone is here?

*Robert s Misans comment:* what if we call for a federation and they raise their hand then we see if they are present. – Agreed.

*Comment of Mr.Otten:* if after the voting it occurs that 2 candidates receive the equal number of votes I suggest that in this case we will need to vote once again without participation of the third candidate.

- Agreed.

## 17. Election of Candidates for the Executive Council

Mr.Yacenko starts and provides his speech. The second candidate is Mr.Pawlick after the floor is given to Mr.Maggi.

*Question №1 from Henri Macaux:* I consider work at the World Draughts Federation as a real job, a full-time occupation. I would like to know whether the three candidates agree to resign from all their national or confederation positions to devote themselves exclusively to their work at the World Draughts Federation, or whether any of them plan to continue work in their federations or confederations.

(This question applies not only to the candidates for presidency, but also to the candidates for other positions: vice-president, treasurer, etc.).

*Mr.Yacenko* - After 30 years in draughts federation I can say that in my case it is not about just having official position in FMJD. Now I am ready to devote my life to draughts and I know what to do and how.

*Janek Maggi* – I account it as my main voluntary job and I want to do it very well. It is not only important for me, but it is also very important for Estonia as a country. I really see that FMJD role is something very important to me if I have it.

*Jacek Pawlicki* – Regarding me and my position in draughts now my status if “former” I am free of any kind of official functions. Maybe as the new FMJD President (depends on elections) I will take decisions that will be very much protested in Poland.

*Question №2 addressed personally to Mr.Yacenko:* As we know in draughts we have lots of problems with sponsors and money. And as President you will attend important meeting, will meet people etc. and how will you be able to convict them to be involved and how will you be presenting your product if you are not fluent in English?

*Answer:* The main thing is when we talk to a businessmen or Prime Minister of President of a country what is really important is the idea and practical steps that you have already taken towards realization of the idea. And if businessmen see that this is really a large-scale project they want to be involved.

**Question №3 from Aleksey Shonin to Jacek Pawlicki:** how do you see the future of Section 64? Do you have plans to cooperate with IDF?

**Answer:** in my plans to have everything in order within the Section-64. What had happened for the last year was not correct. It was difficult to find documents in English and also some tournaments' documentation.

**The same question was forwarded to Janek Maggii.**

**Answer:** 4 years ago I wanted to solve the problem with IDF and I went to St.Petersburg for the meeting with IDF. After that I received a message from Jacek Pawlicki saying that I have to step down immediately because I visited IDF tournament. After that the long story started with all that questions "why FMJD does not take any decision and does not want to start negotiations". I do not say that one organization is good and the other one is not. I can say that all international organizations recognize just one International Draughts Federation and that is FMJD. If I will be elected I will try to solve the problem with different parts of draughts-64. And maybe Jacek will say now that he will immediately start working with Mr.Langin but 4 year ago and during all this 4 years he was strictly against this cooperation.

**Additional question: With whom (candidates for the Executive Board, in particular Vice President) you would like to cooperate?**

**Answer of Mr.Maggi:** If I'm elected I'm ready to cooperate with those people who are elected. I can cooperate with everyone.

**Answer of Mr.Yancenکو:** I would suggest the structure changes of FMJD. The new structure of FMJD would include the position of first Vice president who would lead the direction that I have described earlier and I see Mr. Janek Maggi as the best candidate for this function given to Mr.Maggi's administrative experience as a Minister and this is absolutely different level, as for Mr.Pawlicki I think he was underestimated and he has long outgrown the position of tournament director. I would see him the first FMJD Vice President and also President of section-100).

**Answer of Mr.Pawlicki:** about Vice President I would say if Yuriy Chertok would be elected the Vice President of course it would be more difficult for me first of all because of languages. And I will cooperate with Richard anyways. Therefore, I would prefer to work with Richard and that is why I came here with him.

**Remark of Ms.Romualda Shidlauskiene:** I would like Janek Maggi to answer the question about Vice President.

**Answer:** Of course, my first choice would be Yuriy Chertok, but after I met Richard Przewozniak I'm assured that if he is elected we can work together and it would be very nice.

Mr. Vesperis proposes to start election.

<b>Candidates for President:</b>		
Mr.Janek Mäggi from Estonia	14	40,00%
<b>Mr.Jacek Pawlicki from Poland</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>54,29%</b>
Mr. Anatoliy Yacenko from Ukraine	2	5,71%
	35	100%

According to the results Mr.Pawlicki is the new President of the FMJD.

Mr.Vesperis invites Mr. Przewozniak to present his speech, after the floor is given to Mr.Chertok. After the speeches there is questions' part.

**Question №1 from Ms.Romualda Shidlauskiene:** one of the main duties for Vice Presidents is finding sponsors not only for the events but for FMJD in general. Will you be able to do that?

*Answer of Mr.Przewozniak:* it is very default to find sponsors in France.

*Answer of Mr.Chertok:* As I already told you that at least one sponsor we already have. The World Cup Finals that we are ready to organize annually always used to be a very big problem for FMJD and if we have this problem solved then the stages of the World Cups have sense. By the way in 2024 we will have 2 big tournaments: the World Championship in Blitz and Rapid with the reception of the participants. FMJD had never experienced that before.

Mr.Vesperis invites to vote.

<b>Elections for Vice President:</b>		
Mr.Richard Przewozniak from France	26	74,29%
Mr.Yuriy Chertok from Russian Federation	9	25,71%
	35	100%
<b>Candidate for treasurer Mr.Aare Harak from Estonia</b>		
For	34	97,14%
Against	0	0,00%
Abstain	1	2,86%
	35	100%

When the elections move to the General Secretary part, Yuriy Chertok makes statement that he withdraws his candidacy. Thus the candidate is only one – Roberts Misans.

<b>Candidates for General Secretary Roberts Misans</b>		
For	30	90,91%
Against	0	0,00%
Abstain	3	9,09%
	33	100%

The next part of the election is the part of Tournament Director

<b>Candidate for Tournament Director: Mr.Clifton Agata from Curacao</b>		
For	25	78,13%
Against	4	12,50%
Abstain	3	9,38%
	32	100%

Next point is the position of Tournament Director Youth.

<b>Candidate for Tournament Director Youth</b>		
Mr.Aleksej Domchev from Lithuania	13	38,24%
Mr.Ibragim Ismaulov from Turkey	11	32,35%
Mr.Youry Lipnitsky from Belarus	10	29,41%
	34	100%

**Next point is the point for Director for International Relations.**

Mr.Otten makes statement that these elections shown that this is the end of his draughts life. And the World Championship 2023 that Mr.Otten wanted to sponsor with 200 000 Euro is also not possible any

more as well as the huge support for African countries that he made. He will leave the post of Vice President in IMSA and he requests not to count on him any longer. His draughts activity is over. He also wished the new Board good luck and success.

Thus there are 2 candidates for this position. One of which was already elected Vice President.

**Proposal from Oumar Thiero:** Why can't we postpone this election? We now can vote online. We need to find better candidates.

**Remark of Mr.Yacenko:** On behalf of the Ukrainian Draughts Federation I would like to ask to make a short break and try to persuade Mr.Otten to change his mind and continue for the next 2 years this is extremely important for all of us. This emotional decision will make draughts weaker.

**Answer of Mr.Otten:** It was not emotional step. Jacek never mentioned my name as a possible member of his team. The sad thing is that three countries that have organized the world championships in the past 10 years (Estonia, The Netherlands and Russia) are all out of the Board of FMJD. Of course, it is the right of GA and it is my right to not agree with that. My decision is firm.

**Comment of Jacek:** I understand and respect your decision but let me point that we still have Estonian member in the EB – Aare Harak. I can understand that you feel bad that I didn't call you as a member of my team. But I also did not do that for Aare. If you keep your decision I hope we may continue our cooperation no matter which positions we occupy.

**Comment from Clifton Agata:** I feel that the decision that was made is not right. Harry should stay in the list. I know he is making wrong decision. We all want him in the board.

Mr.Vesperis invites participant to vote.

Candidate of the Council for International Relations Manager		
Mr. Mikhail Zakharchenko	11	33,33%
<b>Mr. Richard Przewozniak</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>66,67%</b>
	33	100%

## RESULTS:

**President** – Jacek Pawlicki,

**Tournament Director Youth** - Aleksej Domchev,

**Vice President and International Relations Manager** - Richard Przewozniak,

**General Secretary** - Roberts Misans,

**Tournament Director** - Clifton Agata,

**Treasurer** - Aare Harak.

Mr.Vesperis: We have to close the GA due to the very late time therefore I would propose to leave all points that were not considered today for the electronic voting.

**The General Assembly is closed.**